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PROMOTION OF ART AND SCULPTURE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for promotion of art and sculpture;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which it is likely to encourage international trade of art and sculpture?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI A. RAJA)

(a),(b) & (c) : Promotion of art is a major responsibility of the Ministry of Culture. The Museums, Libraries, Akademies and other institutions under the Ministry work towards the promotion of art and culture. As regards schemes for promoting sculpture, Lalit Kala Akademi encourages Sculptors by providing facilities and recognizing talents. The scholarship schemes of the Ministry of Culture also encourage Sculptors. Under the Zonal Cultural Centres local Craftsmen are provided encouragement and opportunities. The National Gallery of Modern Art also acquires sculptures from major artists. Our sculptures are taken out during major exhibitions held abroad. However, this Ministry is not dealing with the trade of art and sculpture.